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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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FOR: SHADE COMPONENT REMOVING APPARATUS AND SHADE
COMPONENT REMOVING METHOD FOR REMOVING SHADE IN IMAGE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 22 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Priority Claimed.
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-211190
- ☒ 5 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Minolta Co., Ltd.
and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☐ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references.
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Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					\$0.00
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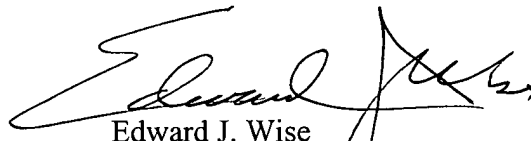
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